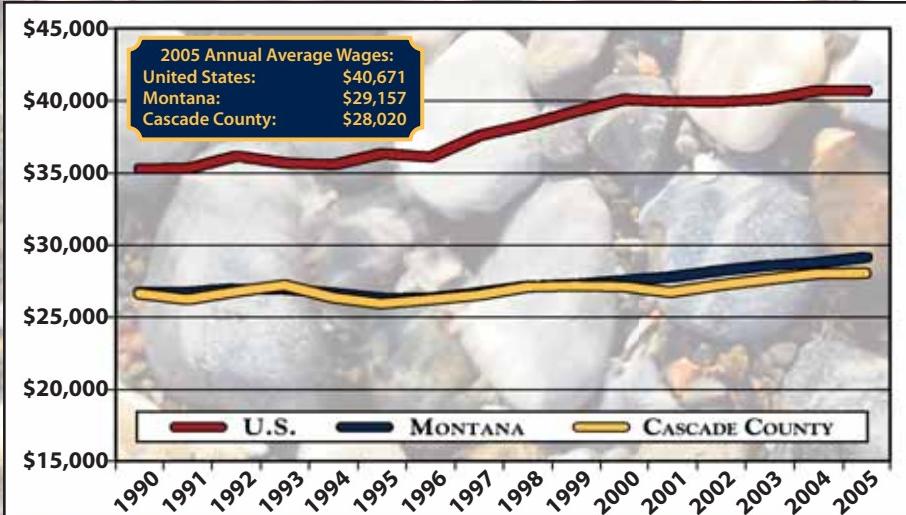


Annual Average Labor Force - Cascade County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2005	39,593	37,988	1,605	4.1%
2004	39,000	37,407	1,593	4.1%
2003	38,531	36,897	1,634	4.2%
2002	38,232	36,574	1,658	4.3%
2001	38,310	36,594	1,716	4.5%
2000	38,331	36,442	1,889	4.9%

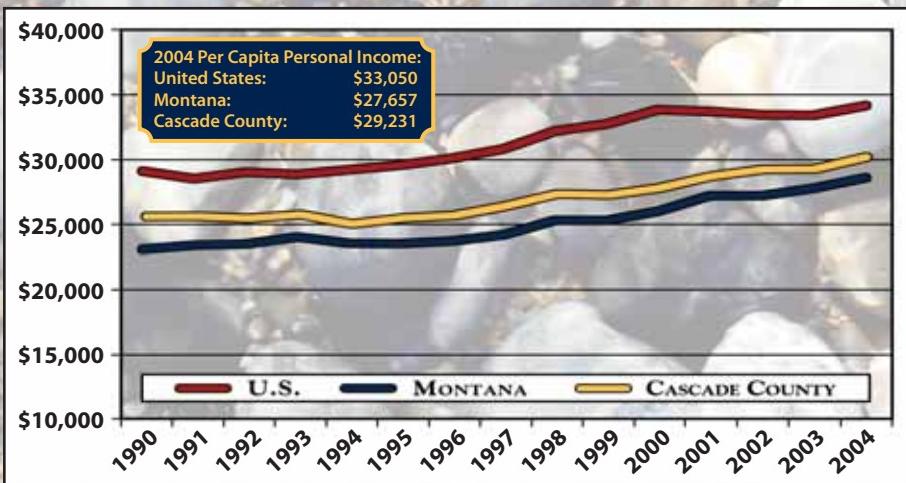
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2004 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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Demographic & Economic Information for Cascade County

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CASCADE COUNTY

Cascade County is Montana's fourth most populous county, with an estimated 79,569 residents in 2005. Great Falls, the county seat, is the state's third largest city, with a population estimated at 56,338 in 2005.¹ Great Falls accounts for 70.8% of Cascade County's total population. Other cities and towns in Cascade County include: Belt, Cascade, Millegan, Monarch, Neihart, Sun River, and Ulm.

Great Falls is bordered on the west by the Rocky Mountains, to the southeast by the Little Belt and Highwood Mountains, and by the Hi-line area to the north. The city is home to Malmstrom Air Force Base, which is a driving force in the regional economy, employing 4,031 in 2004.² Great Falls also boasts the C. M. Russell Museum, the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, and two colleges: the University of Great Falls, and the MSU Great Falls College of Technology.

Of the 32,328 occupied housing units in Cascade County, 70.5% (22,785) are owner-occupied, while 29.5% (9,543) are renter-occupied.

Health Care & Social Assistance is the number one industry subsector in Cascade County, employing 5,547 people in 2005. Other significant subsectors include Retail Trade (with 5,127 employees), Accommodation & Food Services (3,867), and Public Administration (2,715).³ The fastest growing industry sectors in terms of employment include Management of Companies & Enterprises (which grew by 6.5% from 2004 to 2005), Utilities (up 4.7%), Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting (up 4.6%), and Wholesale Trade (up 4.5%).

¹U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

²Bureau of Economic Analysis, <http://bea.gov/bea/regional/reis>

³Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program

Resources for Cascade County

Chamber of Commerce

Great Falls Chamber
P. O. Box 2127, Great Falls, MT 59403
(406) 761-4434
<http://greatfallsonline.net>

Newspapers

Cascade Courier
103 1st Street South
Cascade, MT 59421, (406) 468-9231
www.cascademontana.com/courier.htm

Great Falls Tribune
205 River Drive South
Great Falls, MT 59405, (406) 791-1444
www.greatfallstribune.com

Job Service Workforce Center

Great Falls Job Service Workforce Center
1018 7th Street S.
Great Falls, MT 59405
Phone: 406-791-5800
wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/greatfalls

Economic Development

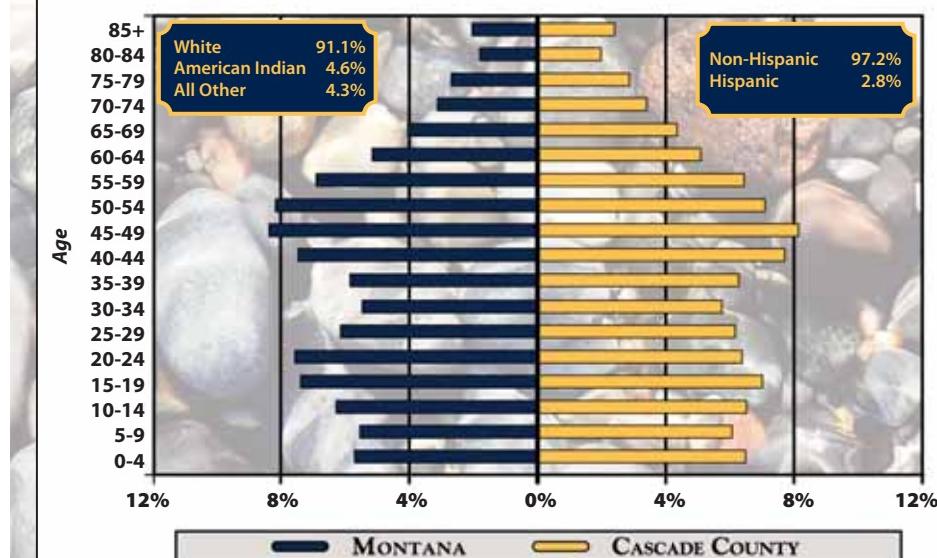
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Great Falls, MT 59401
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Population for Cascade County & Related Areas

Geography	Total Population					
	Census	Estimates				
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Montana	902,195	906,098	910,395	917,885	926,920	935,670
Cascade County	80,357	79,855	79,742	79,801	79,938	79,569
Belt	633	626	622	620	617	610
Cascade	819	811	805	803	800	798
Great Falls	56,690	56,325	56,251	56,414	56,535	56,338
Neihart	91	90	89	89	89	89
Balance of Cascade County	22,124	22,003	21,975	21,875	21,897	21,734

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Cascade County, 2005



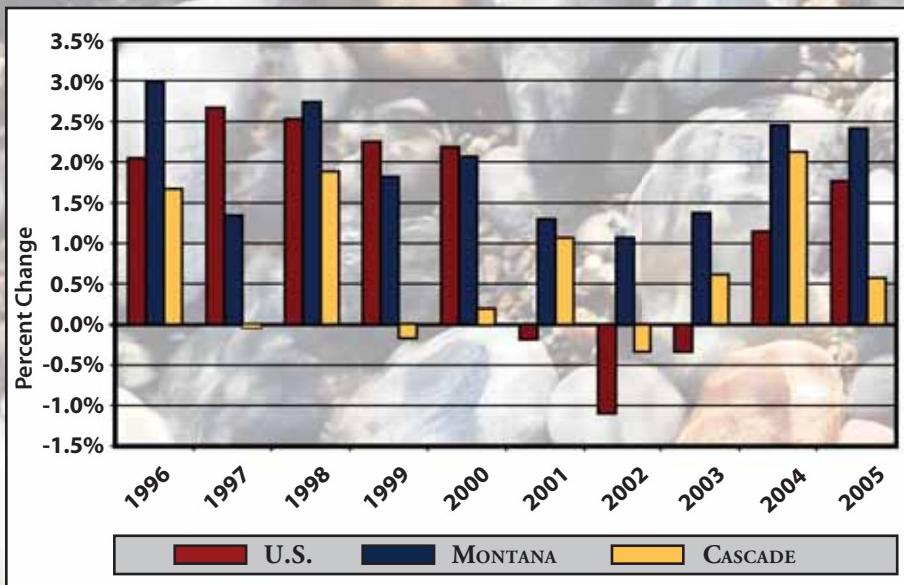
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Cascade County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	12.9%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	33.3%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	25.5%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	6.8%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	14.8%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	4.7%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.6%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.3%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1996 to 2005 U.S., Montana, and Cascade County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 20 Private Employers in Cascade County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2006 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Albertson's	7	National Electronics Warranty	8
Benefis Healthcare	9	Park Place Health Care Center	6
D A Davidson & Co.	6	Quality Life Concepts	6
Easter Seals - Goodwill	7	Sears	6
Great Falls Clinic	8	Sletten Construction	6
Great Falls Tribune	6	Spectrum Medical	6
Heritage Inn	6	Target	6
Home Depot	6	United Materials	6
McDonald's	6	University of Great Falls	6
Missouri River Manor	6	Wal-Mart	8

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Cascade County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	1,037
Land in farms (acres)	1,388,530
Average size of farms (acres)	1,339
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	737
1,000 acres or more	300
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	901
\$100,000 or more	136
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	952
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	85

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested	
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	67,182
Hogs and pigs	14,403
Sheep and lambs	9,921
Horses and ponies	3,109
Bison	459
Chickens (layers and broilers)	52,498
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	(D)
Corn for silage or greenchop	(D)
Wheat for grain, All	131,020
Winter wheat for grain	80,310
Durum wheat for grain	1,051
Spring wheat for grain	49,659
Barley for grain	45,306
Oats for grain	918
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, haylage, grass silage	89,034

Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	589
Other	448
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	820
Not on farm operated	217
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	291
10 years or more	746
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	499
55 years and over	538
Average age of operators: (number)	55.8

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
(D) - Not Disclosable

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2005 - Cascade County

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	2,633	33,563	\$28,020
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,521	28,166	\$26,632
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	30	136	\$23,573
Crop production	11	63	\$19,301
Animal production	11	67	\$27,991
Forestry and logging	1	*	*
Fishing, hunting and trapping	1	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	6	6	\$20,086
MINING	2	*	*
UTILITIES	19	194	\$54,279
CONSTRUCTION	273	1,941	\$35,624
Construction of buildings	90	511	\$33,566
Heavy and civil engineering construction	19	533	\$45,560
Specialty trade contractors	164	897	\$30,897
MANUFACTURING	71	927	\$36,720
Food manufacturing	15	353	\$38,262
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	4	*	*
Textile product mills	1	*	*
Apparel manufacturing	1	*	*
Leather and allied product manufacturing	3	7	\$23,509
Wood product manufacturing	4	47	\$28,308
Paper manufacturing	1	*	*
Printing and related support activities	8	113	\$32,681
Petroleum & coal products manufacturing	2	*	*
Chemical manufacturing	1	*	*
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	3	11	\$35,881
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	3	35	\$36,650
Primary metal manufacturing	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	1	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	3	6	\$26,878
Computer and electronic product mfg	1	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	1	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	8	73	\$25,071
Miscellaneous manufacturing	11	32	\$25,258
WHOLESALE TRADE	156	1,427	\$39,021
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	88	890	\$38,497
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	46	454	\$39,858
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	23	83	\$40,055
RETAIL TRADE	364	5,084	\$20,738
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	54	678	\$29,018
Furniture and home furnishings stores	21	150	\$24,408
Electronics and appliance stores	23	113	\$23,218
Building material & garden supply stores	30	516	\$25,881
Food and beverage stores	28	527	\$20,214
Health and personal care stores	26	173	\$35,814
Gasoline stations	35	436	\$15,608
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	40	402	\$13,709
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	26	296	\$13,915
General merchandise stores	15	1,333	\$18,083
Miscellaneous store retailers	59	421	\$16,398

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

* Data Not Disclosable

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Nonstore retailers	8	40	\$46,546
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	77	745	\$30,075
Air transportation	4	53	\$23,539
Transit and ground passenger transport	5	153	\$17,083
Pipeline transportation	2	*	*
Support activities for transportation	5	23	\$36,969
Couriers and messengers	10	226	\$43,186
Warehousing and storage	2	*	*
INFORMATION	39	775	\$32,064
Publishing industries, except Internet	7	254	\$31,530
Motion picture, sound recording industry	2	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	8	187	\$29,086
Telecommunications	14	234	\$39,884
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	7	61	\$28,210
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	182	2,207	\$37,596
Credit intermediation & related activity	52	686	\$33,326
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	33	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	95	1,189	\$28,809
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	130	461	\$17,965
Real estate	103	259	\$18,461
Rental and leasing services	25	*	*
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	2	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	207	1,187	\$39,649
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	5	66	\$28,101
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	125	1,032	\$19,321
Administrative and support services	120	1,000	\$19,056
Waste management and remediation service	5	32	\$27,508
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	19	389	\$19,526
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	255	5,539	\$32,502
Ambulatory health care services	163	1,767	\$40,889
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	18	*	*
Social assistance	73	995	\$17,018
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	77	919	\$12,003
Performing arts and spectator sports	6	111	\$13,026
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	5	58	\$18,130
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	66	749	\$11,375
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	251	3,867	\$10,802
Accommodation	27	561	\$13,601
Food services and drinking places	224	3,306	\$10,328
OTHER SERVICES	241	1,267	\$19,169
Repair and maintenance	81	417	\$24,915
Personal and laundry services	45	319	\$16,226
Membership associations & organizations	88	496	\$16,593
Private households	27	34	\$13,853
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	113	5,397	\$35,265
Local Government	47	3,008	\$29,367
State Government	22	834	\$32,214
Federal Government	44	1,555	\$48,310

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.
 (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)